Tuition will increase in fall of '92

By MICHELLE SIEWERT
Staff Writer

Ontario college students can expect to pay more next year, and see fewer first-year entry positions available.

Enrolment cuts and staff layoffs may be the result of the one per cent provincial funding increase for next year. The transfer payment brings the colleges' grant to a total of $840 million.

That announcement came on Wednesday by Ontario Treasurer Floyd Laughren. It was also announced that colleges can expect a two per cent increase for 1993-94 and 1994-95.

Due to the underfunding, college students can expect a seven per cent increase in tuition fees next year. Because many universities and colleges will probably see layoffs, enrolment cutbacks and tuition hikes,"it will be more difficult for students to get into post-secondary institutions," said Robert Prichard, University of Toronto President.

Regarding the enrolment cutbacks, John Saso, Niagara College president said, "We're going to try and work around that. We're going to keep doing what we're doing, which is taking the expansion route."

Ontario colleges and universities minister Richard Allen said that the Ontario Students' Assistance Program will cover the increase in fees for those students eligible to receive the financial assistance.

President Saso explained the college would find ways to avoid layoffs, and said, "A lot of pain will be avoided if the situation is worked at in a collective manner."

The Ontario government doled out an averag 8.2 per cent in transfer funds last year.

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Master plan

College's transformation to be revealed

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

As an overall restructuring of Niagara College begins following the master plan's completion, the Niagara News received, exclusively, the schedule for revealing the plan to the college and the community.

David Schleich, academic vice-president, who had earlier said the plan will "unfold...brick by brick...over the winter," Monday said the itinery calls for presentation of the plan and description of its strategy to specific groups between Jan. 22 and Feb. 28.

The groups, he said, are arranged to hear of the plan in a designated order of priority. Mr. Schleich and his team, who designed the plan over the eight-month period before Christmas, will personally review the two-fold, 10-year outlook for the college with the groups at 12 scheduled meetings. The groups represent the Niagara community and the college administration, students, faculty and support staff.

Mr. Schleich said the plan's main thrust involves "progressive transformation of the college...a new arrangement of programs and locations to create more cohesion."

Under one part, the "master site plan," cohesion will come with the consolidation of 11 current campuses into three, including a new St. Catharines campus, tentatively set for opening in 1994.

Under the "master program plan," Mr. Schleich said the goals include "student and client success, staff morale, financial health and many new ventures," accompanied by the necessary rearrangement of programs, divisions,

The first public unveiling of the plan is set for the regular board meeting, Feb. 6, in Hennepin Hall, followed Feb. 11, at 3:30 p. m., the team, together with the college council, will hold public forums to discuss the plan at the Welland and St. Catharines campuses. The Hamilton Room is reserved for the Welland meeting. Further discussion meetings will be held Feb. 13 in the lecture theatre of the Niagara Falls campus and Feb. 18, in the board room, for the City of Welland.

Five days of consecutive meetings, beginning Feb. 24, will present the plan, respectively, to the academic studies department, math instructors, English instructors, appllied arts instructors and community services. Time and places for these final five meetings are yet to be announced.

MARTI JURMAIN

The new Access division folder has arrived and been distributed throughout Niagara College and the surrounding communities according to Access director Marti Jurmain.

Mrs. Jurmain said the folder, designed by Access and marketing faculty, was distributed internally at the administrative level, and sent out to area high school counsellors, and regional service agencies.

The folder is comprised of fan sheets and pamphlets introducing the college's programs offered at a post secondary and non-post secondary level. The college is now more accessible to those without formal education or who face various barriers. The fan sheets offer information to employer groups and the pamphlets provide information for students.

Mrs. Jurmain said the package was "very well received", adding that the project was done on environmentally sound paper instead of the glossy stock.

Weller brightest of All-Stars

By JASON DARRAH
Staff Writer

The Niagara College men's basketball team has jumped to the top of its division in recent weeks, and although teamwork is the key to success, a few star players have emerged as essential actors in the team's eminence.

Last week, Knights forward Paul Weller was named athlete of the week by the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association after representing Niagara College in the Jan. 11 All-Star game at Conestoga College in Kitchener. He was named the game all-star for the West team.

The 32-year-old ambulance and emergency care student provides solid leadership and experience that has helped drive the team to a promising record of seven wins and two defeats.

Teammates look to Paul for support because of his experience gained from a few years in the men's leagues and a season with Niagara College in 1981-82.

"He's an old man," joked teammate Rick Sinclair, but then he said Paul's role is a serious one. "He's like a floor coach. He's been around for a long time and he can see things happen out there that others might miss. He has got to score for us to win, as well as share the leadership."

"I try to settle the guys down when they get a little excited," said Paul, and then he modestly acknowledges his prowess for consistently draining the three-pointers. "Sometimes it's my job to pass the ball, sometimes it's my turn to score so I try to step forward and make the shots I'm supposed to."

And that's exactly what he's done this year with a sparkling 166 points in the team's first seven games, placing him on top of the OCAA Division II standings.

Although eager to return to school at Niagara College, he was hesitant at first, about rejoining the Knights hoopsters, because he had been playing higher calibre ball during the past couple of years.

"It was tough coming from a men's league team that does a lot of travelling in the winter, and we had a good time at that, and it's paid for everywhere you go," said Paul.

He is pleased with the team's development. "We've got a good mix of younger guys and older guys. I think we're coming together now as one of the best teams in the province for our division."

Unlike last Friday's 85-64 blow-out win Paul said the team has some close and competitive games ahead, leading to intense playoffs, but that won't be the last of basketball for him this season. "Once the (college) season is over I'll step back into the men's league tournaments," Paul said.

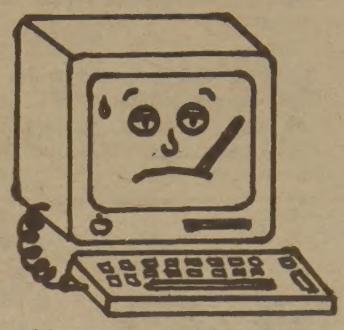
Basketball has become an essential part of his life and upon graduation from the ambulance program this year, he is excited about returning to men's league action.

"I'll play basketball as long as I can walk."

Computer viruses hit college

Programmers' actions 'malicious'

By CATHY WATT
Staff Writer



You're working at your computer... suddenly something unexpected happens... a message appears on the screen... "Your computer is stoned. Legalize marijuana."... you are the victim of a computer virus.

Over 800 known viruses plague computer users today, doing everything from simply displaying messages or graphics on the screen to making disks unreadable.

At least 10 varieties have appeared at various campus locations, said Beth Weldon, college director of management services. In addition to the Stoned Virus, the Jerusalem and 1591 viruses have periodically infected Niagara College students' computers.

Ms. Weldon said viruses can be particularly harmful to Continuing Education students who risk carrying one back to their workplace. She advises all computer users to take precautions to avoid contracting a virus. She suggests buying a good anti-virus software package and running disks, including shrink-wrapped packages, through the virus checker. She also said not to exchange disks with other people and for users to regularly back up their files.

Ms. Weldon said the college has purchased a site licence for Virus Buster, an anti-virus software package that nine other colleges have already obtained. She said the implementation of the system will take all term to complete. "It represents an enormous time investment and must be updated quarterly."

Once in operation, viruses will be flagged immediately as long as the computer is turned on.

Ms. Weldon said nothing is sold from the Computer Store at the college without being checked for viruses.

Joe Kopec, a computer applications and electronics instructor at the college since 1969, said although viruses are created by experience programmers, their actions are "malicious". Mr. Kopec compares the computer variety of virus to biological ones. "These viruses are like the flu... you can infect other people." However, he said computer viruses are easier to cure. Mr. Kopec purchased the Central Point anti-virus disk which allows him to check for and eliminate a virus in about one minute.

Mr. Kopec said students can be carriers without being aware of it. He said viruses can remain dormant for some time, then suddenly come to life. "A virus can be on a disk when purchased or passed through modem, a device that allows people to communicate with other computers through telephone connections."

The student branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers also owns an anti-virus disk, the Norton Anti-Virus.

Herb Hill, student branch chairman, said the college is a perfect environment for viruses. "The Stoned virus has appeared three or four times this year... one day we couldn't get rid of it." Although Mr. Hill said no real damage has been caused at the college so far, he is concerned that serious problems could arise in the future. "We don't think it's all that funny."

Drop that pop

David Schleich, vice-president of academics, is a real recycling booster. He is the "No. 1" Pepsi can recycler at Niagara College. Photo by Lisa Pratt

Fundraiser for student successful

A fundraiser to support the expenses of summer Olympic hopeful and Niagara College student, Darren O'Neal, 19, proved to be successful last Friday night.

Nancy Turpin, one of the event's organizers, said it was an "absolute success." She was pleased with the number of people from the college who attended.

Approximately 150 people came to the event and raised almost $3,000 for Darren.

Veronica Merwitz, also an organizer, said the event was "absolutely fabulous."

Darren, an Olympic cyclist, will be going to Cuba next month to try out for the provincial team.

The Summer Olympics will be held in Barcelona, Spain.

Rose Queen competition

The search is on for the Welland Rose Festival's 1992 Rose Queen.

Applications for the annual competition are welcome from females ages 18 to 22 as of June 6, 1992.

Contestant hopefuls must be single and a resident in Welland.

Application forms are available from Crazy Lees in the Rose City Plaza, Drifter's in the Seaway Mall, and Coles Book Store in the Seaway Mall.

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Macintosh reference book

Advertising instructor develops programs

By LYNN DRAPEAU
Staff Writer

Macintosh users everywhere should be on the lookout for *A Reference Guide to Macintosh in Higher Education*, a book in which one of Niagara College's instuctors has seven programs, all of which are of her own design.

The seven programs were developed by Eileen Muir, first- and second-year advertising instructor in the Fashion Arts program. The number was topped only by the University of Toronto who submitted 13 programs. However, those programs, Mrs. Muir proudly stated, were developed by 11 different people, whereas the college's seven were developed by her.

'I can't tell you how proud I was.'

While demonstrating the first lessonware program Mrs. Muir developed, she beamed, "I can't tell you how proud I was when I first got that animation in there." The animation to which she referred was a single letter written on the screen.

Mrs. Muir was contacted by Apple Canada in Toronto in the fall of 1990 and was told Apple in California was going to produce this volume, *A Reference Guide to Macintosh in Higher Education*, to show how Macintosh was used at that education level. The Toronto office, knowing she was "keen" on the idea, wanted to know if she had things she wanted to submit, she said. Apple manufactures the Macintosh computers.

"They sent me the kit I needed and it was all on disk. I had to get my (programs) on disk for them and send them to California."

She did this without hesitation. She was told the book was to be published in early 1990; however, it emerged in October that year.

The book is used as a reference for anyone interested in customizing, or learning how to customize lesson development, Mrs. Muir said.

"It's still new enough, though, that it's not yet something people are interested in making a fortune out of through the development," Mrs. Muir said. "It's more a case of being able to share things with other educators on a nice co-operative deal."

A few years ago, Mrs. Muir was involved in the Gold Coin project, a consortion of seven Ontario colleges formed to develop lessonware on Icon computers. " I did my homework at that time," she said. She bought all the computer-assisted learning books and worked long hard hours, at home and at school, to attempt to develop lessonware. Her problem was "computer programming."

"To me, it's an incomprehensible language that I didn't want to have to learn...I thought I'd have to live to be 200," she said.

Early in October, 1988, Mrs. Muir got Macintosh computers, and with these computers came HyperCard. HyperCard, developed by Bill Atkinson, creator of MacPaint, was the answer Mrs. Muir had been waiting for.

"I had three teaching weeks to try and get something up and running on the screen," she said. And she did with the user-friendly HyperCard.

"That's a lot better than my projection of having to live 200 years," she said with a smile.

'It's an incomprehensible language.'

She has hopes for the future: "I'd like to set up a little development team to develop lessonware for any instructors on any courses in the college that they'd like to take advantage of...and also to teach the development process to any instructors or anyone else in the college who is interested in it."

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

A little to the left

Third-year construction technician students have it all planned out, but they're only allowed to enlarge the building on paper. Close to graduation, these construction engineering students now spend more time in the classroom, hoping for work doing the real thing soon. From left are students Mike Baccala, Joe Gigliotti, Bill Peace and Brad Jeauroud.
Photo by Doug Morton

Flu season warning

Lately, everywhere you look someone is either sneezing or coughing and instructors may find more than the usual number of absenteeism from class. However, this flu epidemic is not something that has suddenly hit us.

"There are always flu bugs and we live with these germs everyday," said Carolyn Hurst, Niagara College's campus nurse.

The fact more people are ill can be attributed to a number of reasons.

The weather has not been very good and therefore germs are not being killed off, she said.

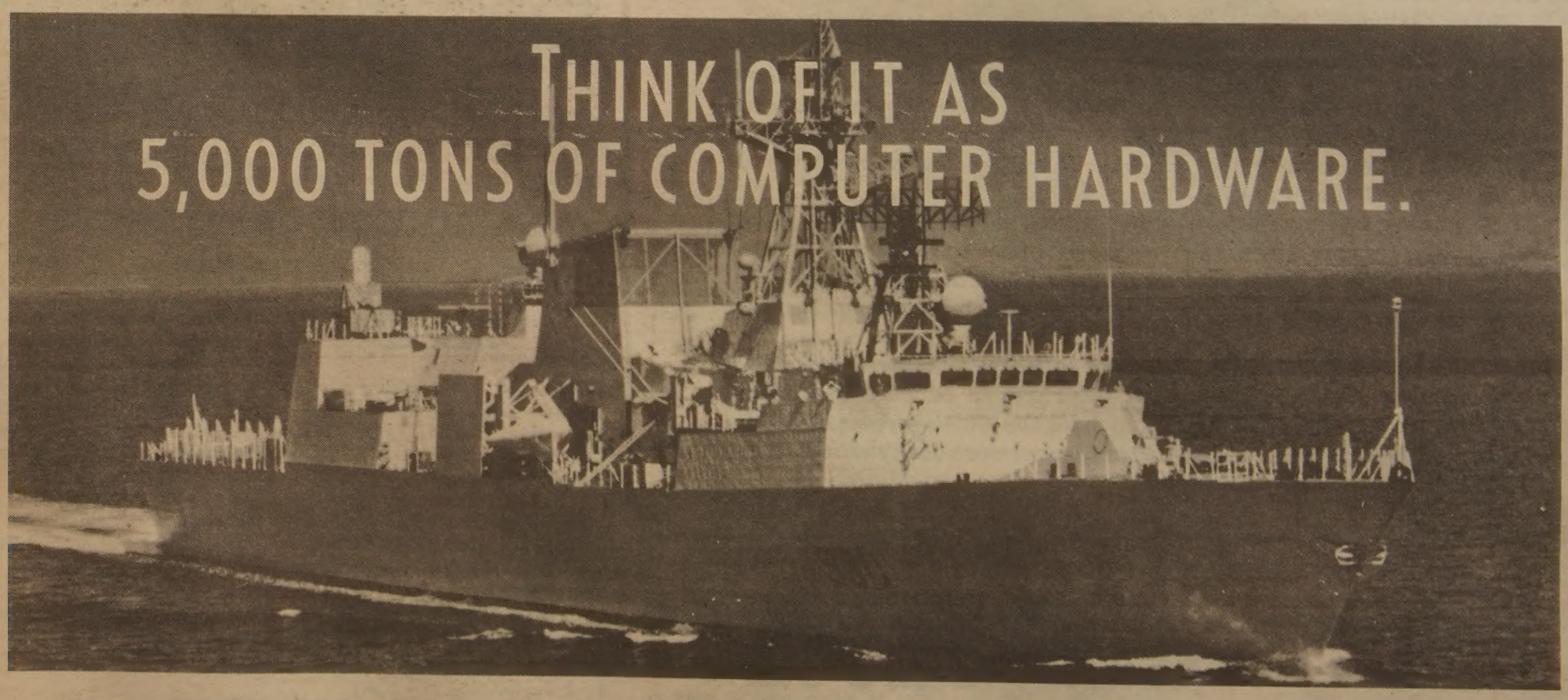
Buildings with poor ventilation or a lot of people in them are also to blame. This is why schools are prime agents to the spread of illness, she said.

Germs spread easily and people with poor rest, diet and exercise are more likely to get sick.

The symptoms of this flu are running nose, cough, fever, chills, headache, lack of energy, and aches and pains, Mrs. Hurst said.

Students should consult with their family physician if the following symptoms occur. A fever for more than 24 hours, diarrhea for more than two days, a rash or a stiff neck, combined with any other symptom.

"It is important to eat right and get regular exercise, in order that you stay healthy," said Mrs. Hurst.



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Editorials

Life American style
Canadians 'indecisive wimps'

The American celebration Monday of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday reminds us of a painstaking reality; we Canadians have no heroes — past or present.

Look around. We're a bunch of ultra-conservative indecisive wimps.

It is beyond irony that we still have such things as "popularity polls" for politicans. No one party or political figure escapes scandal, controversy and disgust these days.

What about the sports world? The Great One flew south at the first worthwhile opportunity, as do most entertainers in quest of the almighty dollar.

But it is more than that. They seek the exposure that Canada is too reluctant to provide. As a result, we admire them from our side of the fence, as they portray endlessly the success of the American dream.

We have come to expect the average, the mundane. But when someone unique comes along, we are skeptical. The remote possibility of talent is excluded by our parameters of the safe, the acceptable.

Case in point. June Rowlands, mayor of Toronto, banned the award-winning band Barenaked Ladies from playing at city-sponsored events because their name "objectifies women".

Lighten up. When will we learn to look beyond the package to the contents within?

It is hoped we learn before our southern neighbors swallow up every ounce of prospective talent and we lose the chance of fostering true Canadian heroes.

Carolyn Mullin

Discovery vs Invasion

For the majority of people, 1992 is known as the 500th anniversary of Columbus' "discovery of the Americas", but for another group of people it is known as the 500th anniversary of the "invasion of the Americas."

Native peoples from the North down to South America feel they have no cause to celebrate this year. The invading peoples: Spanish, French and English did not "discover" new land. The natives take great exception, especially in North America, at being told they were "discovered." "We were here for thousands of years before we were discovered by non-natives," they protest.

When the English and French first landed in North America, they were taken care of by the natives. Without the knowledge passed on by the natives, the early settlers would have perished. The so-called "savages" helped the "civilized" visitors to survive the cold, harsh winters of North America.

Once the English and French were safely ensconsed in their new land, they proceeded to slowly wipe out the native populations with disease and alcohol. Entire native communities were almost obliterated by "white man's disease", diseases for which they had no natural immunities.

Families and communities, if not destroyed by disease, were poisoned by the "fire water" so freely given to natives in return for furs and eventually as a form of control. The cycle of dysfunctional families had begun, and it is still an ominous presence at most reserves.

Natives eventually lost their own self-government, the right to celebrate their ceremonies, and the right to educate their own children. In all there really isn't much for the native peoples of North and South America to celebrate this year, unless one celebrates 500 years of oppression and grief.

Diana Harris

Letters

Dear Editor:

I have read Bryan S. Horne's letter to the editor in your Jan.17 issue, and wish to respond by outlining the actions taken since his letter was received by the President on Dec. 18,1991.

On Dec. 20, President Saso sent a formal reply informing Mr. Horne that a refund would be made to him. In addition, Mr. Saso advised that he had instructed me to review our practices with regard to fees for Continuing Education courses taken by our full-time students on co-op work terms. This review is in progress and will be completed shortly. In the meantime, concerns similar to those of Mr. Horne's are dealt with on an individual basis.

Our recent practice of charging co-op students on work terms for Continuing Education courses stems from guidelines issued by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. These state that such students are not considered full-time for government funding purposes.

It should be made clear that the staff in the Registrar's Office responded to Mr. Horne according to college practices and specific instructions were given to them.

I believe the college responded quickly to Mr. Horne's letter and that we have taken appropriate action. We were led to believe that Mr. Horne was content with the actions taken by the college on Dec. 20. You can imagine then our surprise that the same letter received by the President on Dec. 18 was sent to you in the new Year.

Ivar Noren,
Registrar.

Bullpit

Niagara College reinforces positive thinking

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

Niagara College is mandated to prepare its students for the realities of the world outside these hectic halls. Even though students are currently exposed to the grim local scenario of less money and fewer jobs, a broader view is necessary to see one important goal of the college system: to create a positive mindset.

Students leaving the college certain they face nothing but an abyss of economic and social woes will have nothing to contribute to change the current negative conditions. The college has no intention of reinforcing such negativity.

A broader view can boost the spirits into a positive realm. Forget for a moment the hard times in the Niagara region; people worldwide clamor for the opportunity to set their feet on Canadian soil. For the less fortunate, our streets seem paved with gold simply because people probably won't starve here. For local residents, however, it's a poorer land, where we only see our once-fat communities now thinned out.

The college image, always positive, is no front, deviously hiding reality in a false cradle. The image reflects a need to educate students beyond the usual educational mandate.

Learning to be positive is as important a facet of education in the college as it is in the real world. Without it, the short-view negative conditions of our communities, the ones now in a slide, the ones we are trained to deal with, can only worsen.

For an institution whose goal is to prepare a trained workforce to maintain the status quo and improve the conditions of society, the always-positive image portrayed by Niagara College may appear superficial. Facing government cutbacks, that may mean drastic reductions in college funding - 80 per cent of our budget is supplied by the provincial government - the always-smile attitude may even seem ridiculous.

But the positive attitude permeating the core of the college may also be the most valuable form of education. The college itself may not accurately reflect the real world of work, but the system is aware a positive outlook, combined with a good education, is necessary for survival once college is over.

It is the college's hidden mandate.

Cabbie has no sense of direction

By MARK DENIS
Staff Writer

Recently, while taking a taxi ride to a wake in Port Dalhousie, the driver asked, "Hey man, who's that president guy in Ottawa, you know who I mean?"

After resisting my initial urge to vomit, laugh and kill, I informed the poor soul that Canada had a prime minister and his name was Brian Mulroney.

"That's the guy, well he's a bleeping bleep...those taxes and stuff, wow man."

My jaw was in my lap.

My experience was complete.

The message in this bizzare happening is the following: Canada does not have a chance if there are legions more who think Canada has a president.

How can we inform such individuals?

I guess the fact he said Ottawa and not Washington is a good sign.

He was listening to country music. Too much Tommy Hunter--I don't know.

Clarification

The Applied Arts division is not defunct, as may have been construed by the page 7 story in the Jan. 17 edition of the Niagara News. As described in the article and because of the college's recently completed master plan, the Applied Arts division will undergo major restructuring, as will the entire college, but will not be dismantled or terminated. Name changes may occur, and programs may be shifted to new divisions, but the Niagara News is unaware of college divisions or programs that will become defunct.

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Focus

International Watch: English skills at work

"Any time you can make learning enjoyable, it is worthwhile"

By SUSAN EATON
Staff Writer

When one thinks of a newsroom, images of desks crammed tightly together, reporters typing frantically at computers and phones ringing off the hook, pop into mind, not a classroom portable. However, on Wednesday afternoons, Portable 1 at Niagara College's Welland campus is transformed into the newsroom for International Watch.

International Watch is a newsletter produced two times a term by the approximately dozen students in the International English as a Second Language Intensive program. The newsletter, which features articles, photographs, comics, classifieds and letters is, on average, 12 pages long and printed on stock paper.

Participation in the newsletter's production is a requirement for the students. "It is not optional," said Susan Vandenboom, lead teacher. "It is part of the reading and writing course. We devote two hours to it every week."

Ms. Vandenboom, who started working at the college in September 1991, was the first to introduce the newsletter idea to the ESL program. She brought the idea from her previous teaching position at Dominion College, which is a private school in Toronto specializing in preparing international students for the Canadian university system.

At Dominion College, the students were constantly asking Ms. Vandenboom to print articles to send back home to their families. To simplify the process, Ms. Vandenboom decided to compile the student's requests placing various articles in a newsletter format. She said she found the process successful.

When she arrived at Niagara College, Ms. Vandenboom said, "It was hard trying to figure out a name, but they (the students) came up with several ideas. They voted and decided International Watch was the name they'd like to have."

To prepare for the newsletter's production, the students studied newspapers. "They looked to see what they contained," said Ms. Vandenboom.

"We studied the international news and entertainment section, Anne Landers, the life section, the classifieds and sports."

Usually the story ideas are selected by the students who wish to report on a particular topic, but frequently, Ms. Vandenboom will assign a student to cover a specific subject, such as a guest speaker.

The students are responsible for the writing, editing and proofreading of the stories. In the future, Ms. Vandenboom said she hopes the students will be directly involved in the typing and layout of the newsletter.

"The students get a lot out of it, especially when they see something they have written in print," said Mr. Vandenboom. "It gives them really good practice writing, I think it makes them more creative and it gives them very good editing practice. It gives them confidence that they can write something that is printworthy, and it is enjoyable. Any time you can make learning enjoyable, it is worthwhile."

Masaki Kobayashi, one of Ms. Vandenboom's students from Japan, agrees it is a fun process. "It is sometimes hard to find a topic. That's the hard part," he said.

In the first two issues of the newsletter, Mr. Kobayashi has contributed sports stories, a letter for "Adel Lander" and comics. He is already contemplating what sports stories he will contribute to the next issue, scheduled for publication on Friday, Feb. 28.

The newsletter will be distributed to faculty of the English and Articulation department as well as the contributing students.

Ms. Vandenboom said she would like to see more members of the Niagara College community receive International Watch; however, at this time it is too costly to do so.

Susan Vandenboom (centre), lead teacher, and some of her students from the Welland campus International English as a Second Language Intensive program look at the latest edition of International Watch, a newsletter produced by the members of this class. The newsletter is intended to provide a forum in which students are granted a further opportunity to practise English writing and editing skills.

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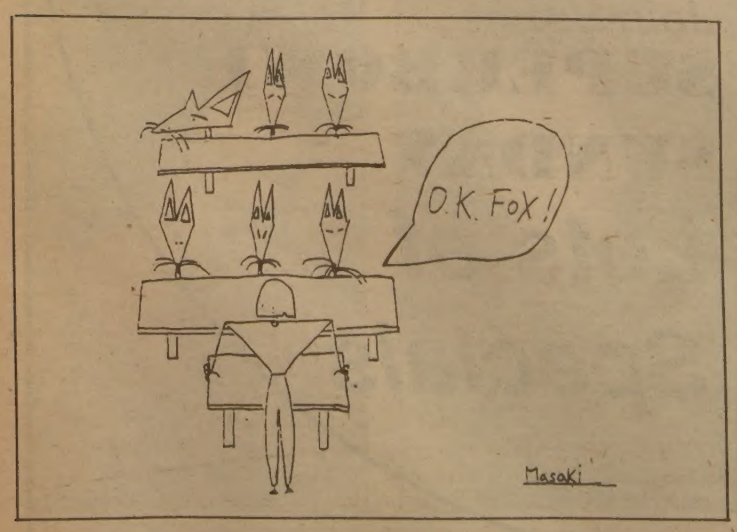


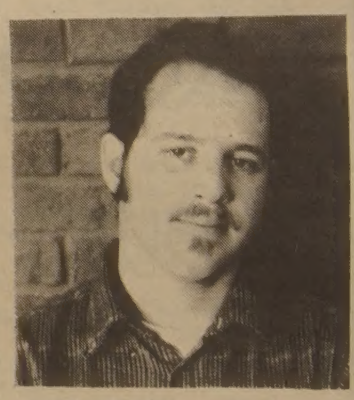
The idea for "O.K. Fox" originated as an error in interpretation. Masaki, the artist thought his teacher, Ms. Vasndenboom, was saying "O.K Fox" when she was addressing the class, but, in actuality, she was saying "O.K. folks".

Comic by Masaki Kobayashi

Rumblings

Semantics: Powerful, dangerous

By MARK NESBITT
Staff Writer



It's time to address a situation both insidious and dangerous. It has to do with the power of the spoken word.

Theyism.

Simply explained, Theyism is the use of the word they to refer to a group of people or an organization. While this may not be politically incorrect, it does have the potential for great harm.

The situation referred to is the use of the word with the same intonation soldiers adopt while referring to the enemy.

An example. When speaking of the Canadian French/English situation, do you draw a distinction between the government and the people, or do you use the impersonal they, and assume people know what you mean?

Do you refer to immigrants as they? Do you refer to natives as they? Do you refer to feminists as they? Do you refer to welfare recipients as they?

Every time you do, a tiny piece of the human side of all of us is stripped away. By depersonalizing any group, you leave yourself open to simple conclusions based on a simple label. The thought processes involved in judging humans are not used for masses. The use of generalizations too often prcedes a negative or unflattering comment.

They is a very easy word to use, but with the harm it can cause, maybe a little more time can be taken when describing any group of people. And with more time to think, perhaps some of the stereotypes may be eliminated. Some people on welfare abuse the system. Some refugee claimants are criminals trying to hide in Canada. Some Quebecois wish to leave Canada. Some feminists advocate violence.

But only some. Not all, and not enough to use the word they.

The next time you use the word they, think about what you mean. Who are you referring to? Do you know enough to make such a statement?

It is always easy to judge someone when you don't know their name.

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On Jan. 21, a new procedure was implemented for Niagara College's security until 5 p.m. at Welland campus, Linda Maidens, building supervisor said.

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The switchboard operator will contact security immediately following a call. Ms. Maidens said all day security guards were given portable radios as part of the new system.

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Profile: International education director finds new insight in Japan, Korea, Hong Kong

Students quiz Malone on Canadian education

By KATHERINE TOWNE
Staff Writer

Young adults from Japan, Korea and Hong Kong met and talked about Niagara College with Denis Malone, Niagara College's director of international education, last term.

After a 12-hour, non-stop flight Mr. Malone arrived in Tokyo, Japan on Oct. 4. A Niagara College graduate, Eiko Nishi, assisted Mr. Malone with directions around the city which he found most helpful.

The first education fair was held Oct. 6 at the Canadian embassy where 30 colleges were represented from Canada. Approximately 630 students attended the event to collect information about the colleges. The Canadian embassy in Japan is the "jewel of all Canadian embassies in the world," Mr. Malone said. The colleges set up showcases of information for the Japanese students. The spaces were provided free by the Canadian embassy. "It's like a retail fair," he said.

Mr. Malone, along with an interpreter, talked directly with students and answered questions about Niagara College. Most questions were about English language training, Canada's weather, safety, accommodations while in Canada and how much contact they would have with other Canadians. Tourism, Office Administration and Technology were some of the programs discussed.

The stress causes students ... mental health problems that sometimes lead to suicide

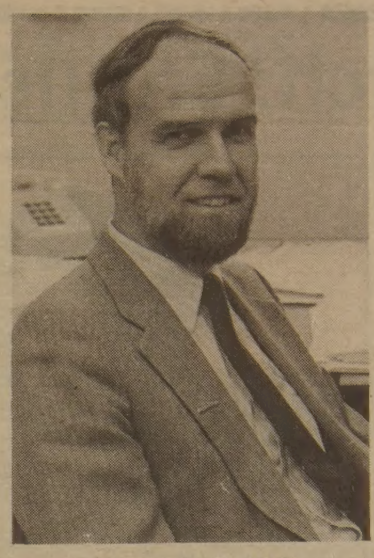
Mr. Malone toured other university campus facilities while visiting Japan. His first tour was the Okayama University in Olayama, on Oct. 9. His host, Dr. Taka Hashi, of electrical engineering, showed interest in visiting Niagara College's microelectronics and robotics division. The two men talked about establishing "a link to open up future exchanges with students and professors," he said.

The second education fair took place in Osaka, Japan, on Oct 10. All 430 students who attended were female graduates of two-year college or four-year university programs. Mr. Malone attended his last education fair in Sapporo, Hokkaido, on Oct. 11. It was the last fair organized by the Canadian embassy in Japan.

In Korea, Mr. Malone attended a fair held in the Western Hotel. An interpretor was provided for every college representative. Students were "interested in technology rather than the service areas," Mr. Malone said. "There were more male students (who attended the fair) than in Japan."

Advertisements in the entertainment section of the newspapers in Taiwan announced where Mr. Malone could be located throughout his stay. "They really promoted it. The most productive part of the trip was in Taiwan. The people were concerned with the transferring of credits from Niagara College to universities... What they're really interested in is receiving a bachelor's degree in university," he said.

Military service is compulsory in most Asian countries. An associate degree or degree program will exempt males from military service, otherwise they must serve three years. "It doesn't affect young women," Mr. Malone said. Most women seek post-secondary education while men are in the service.



DENIS MALONE

A large number of Asian students seek a post-secondary education abroad because of the shortage of spaces in their universities. "It seems to run about three students per every one space available," he said. The stress causes students to have mental health problems that sometimes lead to suicides. It's not a lack of money. They have a "high standard of living," Mr. Malone said. "But (they) can't get the education." Asians look abroad for their education, then return home with a degree and a second language.

The Secord Chan International School in Hong Kong is run by Ontario teachers. They teach the Ontario curriculum in English. Mr. Malone enjoyed speaking with teachers from Grimsby, St. Catharines and surrounding areas.

Mr. Malone came back to Canada on Oct. 26 and found himself exhausted. "You really work hard. You work from seven to midnight every day," he said. Mr. Malone kept a journal religiously every night. "There had been so much stimulation and information to process that it was absolutely overwhelming and would take weeks to really come to terms with what I've seen and experienced. If you don't note everything at the time, you forget.

Mr. Malone's work won't prove itself until September when people register for college. In the meantime, he is following up on letters and proposals for programs for international students.

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Brighton Rock is back

A new album with a heavier sound, better than ever

By JOEL NAPHIN
Staff Writer

Brighton Rock is back and proved they're better than ever as the 'Love Machine' tour made a stop at Front 54, Thorold Jan. 10.

You could say it was a homecoming show considering the band members are from this area. Bass guitar player Stevie Skreebs is from Niagara Falls, guitar player Greg Fraser is from St. Catharines while drummer Mark Cavarzan, lead singer Gerry McGhee, and newest member Greg Boileau are all from Hamilton.

"We like to come back more than we play most places just because of the fact that in the beginning . . . the people . . . supported us, gave us encouragement and backed us up," McGhee said in an interview prior to the concert. "(Canadians) across the country have always been good to us."

With the band's third album released, Love Machine, fans will notice a change in the group's music. People who have seen them live on previous tours may believe Brighton Rock was heavier live than on their records. With the new album, the followup to the 1989 gold-plus 'Take a deep Breath', McGhee said the band "didn't want to play it safe and have another hit wedding song of the year."

"We kind of felt that this album was the closest thing to what we sound like live . . . we just wanted to do everything different from the way we ever did it," said McGhee explaining why this is the group's heaviest record yet.

Brighton Rock lost most of its keyboard sound when original member and keyboardist Johnny Rogers left the band. Rogers is now with Van Wailin, a Van Halen tribute band. Going from five to four members, Brighton Rock added Boileau as a second guitar player to give the band a heavier sound. Boileau also plays a little keyboards on the band's latest single "Still the One" and on "Gang Bang" — a song not recorded because of controversy surrounding the song. Rogers came back one more time to lend his fingers on 'Love Machine' playing rhythm guitar on Brighton Rock's version of J. J. Cale's blues-rock classic "Cocaine" — a song that started out as a joke but ended up on 'Love Machine' because of its live attitude and energy. What you hear on the album is the unremixed demo version.

'Our mission is to go where no band has gone before'
Gerry McGhee

'Love Machine' was produced by Toby Wright who has produced such bands as Damn Yankees and Metallica.

"We don't do everything the way it was on the record," explains McGhee about Brighton Rock's performances.

One example would be the group's song "One More Try" off 'Take a Deep Breath,'a single known for its keyboards. The song, played as part of the group's encore has lost the keyboard sound and is played as an acoustical version.

Other songs of the night included most of 'Love Machine' — the lead off single "Hollywood Shuffle," and the title track "Love Machine," plus singles from 'Take a Deep Breath' and their 1986 debut album 'Young, Wild, and Free.'

Brighton Rock is a band not to miss if you have a chance to see them live. They're heavy, they're loud, and you're guaranteed a good time. They "love playing live" and have fun doing it.

"We do more shows than any other Canadian band," said McGhee.

Brighton Rock plans on touring until October and then begin working on its new album rather than wait two or three years as they have done with their first three albums. McGhee said the next album will be "heavier."

"Our mission is to boldy go where no band has gone before," he said.

Upcoming shows at Front 54 includes the return of Big House Jan. 24 and Niagara Falls' own Honeymoon Suite Feb. 4. For tickets and/or information stop by Front 54 or call the club at 227-2611.

Rock band Brighton Rock recently released their third album entitled *Love Machine*. The group played at Thorold's Front 54 on Jan. 10. From left to right are Greg Boileau (guitar), Mark Cavarzan (drummer), Gerry McGhee (lead vocals), Greg Fraser (guitar), and Stevie Skreebs (bass guitar).

Photo by Joel Naphin

Infidels mix rock, funk with lots of energy

By MARK NESBITT
Staff Writer

It was the kind of evening that renews your faith in the music industry.

The Infidels brought their funk-rock fusion to the Hideaway in St. Catharines last Saturday, and proved you can still see good bands outside of the stadium scene.

The Infidels, led by vocalist Molly Johnson and guitarist Norm Orenstein, played a solid two-hour set made up of funk based rock and soulful ballads to an appreciative if unprepared crowd of 300.

Most of the crowd, drawn by the saturation play of the chart hit "100 Watt Bulb", clearly expected a harder rock sound, but no one seemed disappointed.

Johnson and Orenstein come with a solid background in the music industry, with their early 1980's group Alta Moda achieving cult status on the Toronto underground scene. The band dissolved after their over-produced major label debut, and Molly began singing torch and soul tunes at upscale locations like the Imperial Room at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

The band kicked off with some radio friendly material, but quickly moved in to a funk groove and generated some frantic dance-floor activity. The evening culminated with a noisy jam-style encore, and the patrons left, seemingly satisfied.

The Infidels have just been signed to an eight album deal with I.R.S. records. After touring with Tom Cochrane and receiving steady rotation of Much Music, Canada's music video station, the future of this group seems to be a bright one.

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Scorsese goes Hollywood with latest creation

Cape Fear: Thriller fails in new version

By JASON DARRAH
Staff Writer

Martin Scorsese's new creation, *Cape Fear,* is an unhappy marriage of Hollywood commercialism and cinematographical expertise. Contrary to what most film critics claim, this film will not be analysed for years to come by film studies classes across the continent.

Although Scorsese's technical facility emerges from the first seconds of the film, the problematic fusion of pure suspense thriller, (a new endeavor for Scorsese), and deeper meaning, subdue the artistic merit.

Scorsese apparently wanted a commercial success and teamed up with unlikely co-producer, Steven Spielberg, for this remake of the 1962 thriller, which starred Robert Mitchum and Gregory Peck. Both versions are adapted from John MacDonald's novel *The Executioners.*

Robert De Niro asked Scorsese to direct this film because the *Taxi Driver*-like psychopath appealed to De Niro. After several years of pressure, Scorsese decided to attempt his first remake. While De Niro's acting is reason enough to see this movie, with an adequate supporting cast of Nick Nolte, Jessica Lange, and Juliette Lewis, the film falls short of typical Scorsesean dramas.

In this Hitchcockesque suspense, De Niro's character, Max Cady, seeks revenge after being released from 14 years of prison. The vindictive psychopath wants to destroy the life of his former defence lawyer, Sam Bowden, played by Nick Nolte, because he covered-up evidence that may have prevented or reduced Cady's sentence. Cady was convicted of rape and aggravated sexual battery and the buried evidence contained the victim's sexual history, relevant in the days before victim shield laws. Cady's planned revenge encompasses raping Bowden's wife, mistress, teenage daughter and Bowden's entire *motis vivendi.*

Scorese's Cape Fear *blames the victim for the life and death struggle*

Scorese and the skilled script writer, Wesley Strick, weave the issues of the faulty system of law, the corruption of the modern American family and even the biblical allegory of Satanic temptation together in a whirlwind of action.

Unfortunately, the Spielberg imposed Hollywood niceties invade the screen, and transform a potential "film noir" into a meaningless commercial pop movie. The thinking audience who expected the dark Scorsese artistry of *Mean Streets, Taxi Driver, Raging Bull,* and *The Last Temptation of Christ* leave the theatre wondering if the best sequences of moral and human exploitation are left on the cutting room floor.

The most obvious problem with the movie is typified by the climax. It is an overcut, overproduced, melodramatic Spelbergian extravaganza that almost parodies big Hollywood productions. Spielberg is the feel-good director of the 80's who won't let the hero die, and all conflict serves to strengthen the family unit, and it rubs off on this thriller.

Beyond the visual shortcomings, a greater Hollywood corruption cries out. Hollywood producers know that to lure the large unthinking public, they must depend on the display of violent sexual threats against relatively helpless women. The need for success panders to male losers, who envy De Niro's machismo, wit and recklessness.

Furthermore, Scorsese's *Cape Fear* blames the victim for the life and death struggle. In the 1962 version, the victims were an all-American dream family, thus the revenge was sickening, shocking and abhorent. To his credit, Scorsese created a more realistic family, with a fraudulent marriage and a corrupt defence lawyer for a father. Unfortunately, this gives the psychopath marginal credibility and justification in his horrific vengence. In one scene fraught with suspense and peril, De Niro's character seduces Bowden's daughter, who is increasinely sexually aroused as he becomes more threatening. Placing such blame on the victim treads in dangerous territory, in the attempt to heighten suspense.

Scorsese has created a potential box office hit, with cimematography par excellence and a possible best actor award for De Niro, but *Cape Fear* is incomplete in its moral drama and overall depth.

Recipe fails for Marvelous Sauce

By SHERI HAMILTON
Staff Writer

Marvelous Sauce. What kind of name is this for a band? In my opinion, the tape entitled *Marvelous Sauce,* produced by Jim Krawzyk and Michael Sak, and released by Eureka Records, is the worst montage of music to have touched my ears this year.

Heading up this group is Steve Barrick, lead vocalist, guitarist and songsmith. Tim McMahon handles bass and vocals, Brennan Hannigan is the drummer and the latest addition to the band is David Schultz, keyboardist. Half of the members are Canadian while the other half American. They are based in Buffalo, N.Y. but work out of Toronto.

Each member has been involved with bands in the past and their musical interests will, it's to hoped, reach the right audience someday.

Marvelous Sauce had better stir their pot once again so as not to scorch the sauce on the bottom, maybe then some new, invigorating music might appear.

Each of the 10 songs on their latest soundtrack is way out in left field. The true music lover likes to listen to songs with depth and meaning, not just empty, jumbled thoughts thrown together, adding music rhythm and presto, marvelous.

On the positive side, there was one good thing about the album — the cover. It is attractive and fresh looking, with the lyrics and a picture of the band members on the fold-in flaps.

Don't take my word for this work but sample another's opinion: "It sounds old, boring and it does not have the special 'umph' that it takes to get kids to listen to it. It is geared to the 60's generation — you know, the bell-bottoms and floral print shirts."

Although some people may enjoy Marvelous Sauce, this is not the tasty morsel of music that I would enjoy listening to over a delightful dinner, or on the way to the supermarket.

Movie audiences swept away with 'tides' of emotion

By DIANA HARRIS
Staff Writer

Swept along with the tides of change and with the tides of emotion, movie goers are drawn into the lives of the characters in the movie, *The Prince of Tides.*

Barbra Streisand in her directorial best, and her most poignant role since *Funny Girl,* portrays New York psychiatrist, Susan Lowenstein. Although older, Streisand never looked better, wearing revealing skirts that display her marvelous legs.

Streisand seems to have found her niche; acting doesn't come much better than hers. In fact, all the actors are very good in this movie.

Tom, a man from a tidal island off the coast of South Carolina, haunted by the vivid memories of his abusive childhood, leaves us breathless. His sister, Savannah, a well-known New York poet, cannot live with the memories of her abusive childhood and tries several times to commit suicide. Savannah's recent attempt brings Tom in contact with her psychiatrist, Dr. lowenstein.

Streisand in her directorial best

The inevitable happens: Tom and the doctor fall in love. Although both are married, Tom stays on in New York for the football coach for Lowenstein's spoiled son.

The dirty family secret is uncovered when the tides of deceit recede in an emotional scene between patient and doctor.

A well-written script, good cinematography and good acting make this movie one of the best in years.

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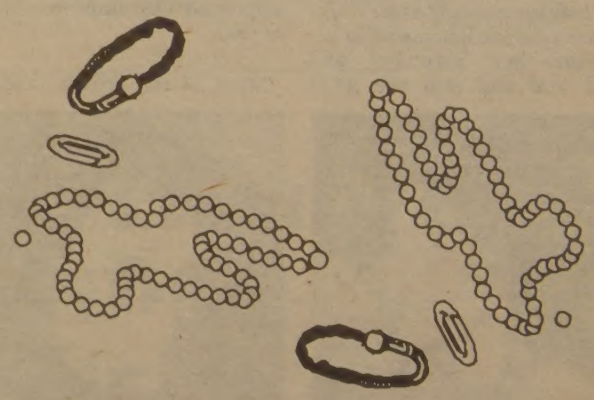

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Benefit concert for Terri Anderson

Bands, guest entertainers help raise money to find missing St. Catharines teen

By CATHY WATT
Staff Writer

By 2 p.m. last Sunday, the parking lot was packed at Jerry's Country Kitchen on Highway 20 in Fonthill. Outside the temperature was below zero, but the climate inside was tropical, probably caused by the body heat of more than 100 people.

The reason for the booming business was a benefit for the St. Catharines Lost and Found Child Reward Foundation, specifically to raise money to help locate St. Catharines 14-year old, Terri Anderson, missing since Nov. 30, 1991.

'It began as jars in bars.' Garry Robbins

Ten bands and guest entertainers from the Niagara Region donated their talents to the fundraising event which continued from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. The well-known groups included Rick Rose, Southern Comfort, Desert Son, and Red Herring. All monies from the $3 entrance fee were donated in addition to the waitresses' and bartenders' tips. Proceeds from draws held throughout the day for services and merchandise donated by local businesses topped off the fund.

The founder of the organization and principal organizer of Sunday's event was 33-year-old Garry Robbins of St. Catharines. At 7-foot 5-inches tall and 451 pounds, Mr. Robbins was not a difficult person to find in the crowd. A professional wrestler and television and film star, Mr. Robbins said he is Canada's tallest man. Easygoing and soft-spoken, friends call him "the gentle giant."

The St. Catharines Lost and Found Child Reward Foundation, a non-profit organization, pays for valid tips and leads that may help to locate missing persons.

"It began as jars in bars and snowballed from there," Mr. Robbins said.

Mr. Robbins is a friend of Terry Anderson, Terri's father, who also attended the benefit. Mr. Anderson said when Terri was young, she stayed with the Robbins family during a difficult time in his life. He was pleased with the overwhelming support of the community and said he planned to stay for the day.

TERRI ANDERSON

Although enjoying the benefit, Mr. Anderson admitted he has "good and bad days." He said "the Christmas season was particularly difficult time and seemed to linger forever." Currently, he is working with the Global Television Network to air a renactment of Terri's disappearance on Missing Treasures, a program that begins March 1. At this point, Mr. Anderson said police are running out of leads to locate his missing daughter.

Another family member, Terri's half-sister, 19-year-old Nycki Harvey from Burlington, had never been to Jerry's before and was "impressed" with the turnout. "I think it's super," she said.

Kennith Parker, owner of Jerry's, said he hoped to raise $2,000 at the benefit. By 2 p.m., the ladies at the door collecting the entrance fee said they had already collected that amount. The enthusiastic proprietor with a full red beard said he had supported other charities such as Toys for Tots. He said more than 15 people contributed to the organization of Sunday's event. "A lot of people worked hard to put it (the benefit) together...the community really cares."

One of those helping was Albert (Chic) Harris, a resident of Fonthill for 35 years and a friend of Mr. Robbins. Mr. Harris said the organization is available to provide services to all residents of the Niagara peninsula. His voice broke when he talked about Terri and other missing children. "I hope it (the donation) will help."

Some individuals made personal donations such as Mike Embury, owner of a Harley Davidson show bike, who gave $1,000. Recently he won six first place awards and was the grand champion at the Toronto International Motorcycle Show. He said he will donate all his winnings from the upcoming Speedorama in Toronto to the foundation.

People from all walks of life packed into the small establishment at the standing-room-only fundraiser. Busy waitresses weaved through the crowds balancing plates of food above their heads.

Retired dentist Bob Hannah of Fonthill came with friends after hearing about the event on the radio. Turk the Sound Man, alias Wayne Yurkiw of Port Colborne, planned to stay at his post as mixer for all musicians performing during the 12-hour benefit. He said he donated his time for the day... "as long as I get something to eat."

At 12:30 p.m., Mr. Parker happily reported that about 1,000 people had attended the benefit and declared it a huge success. "We raised $4,000— double the amount I expected."

Book release party for local author Feb. 1

By CAROLYN MULLIN
Staff Writer

NIKI AUBERTIN

Niki Aubertin, a native of Welland, has come back to the area to live and share her experiences of self-discovery in a new book to be released, Feb. 1 entitled *Building Up — Thoughts expressed during the readjustment of self.*

Although the printing is slightly behind schedule, a party is planned for Feb. 1 at Skuttlebutts, 279 King St., from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Creative juices flow from almost everyone around Ms. Aubertin. Her husband, Glenn, is a professional bass player and right-hand man for Niki's publishing company, Riley Publishing, which they operate from their home in Fenwick. Mr. Riley's brother is a skilled movie animator, and even son Tyler, 7, shows promise both musically and in his writing. He said he would like to write plays when he is older.

Ms. Aubertin, 31, describes her 64-page book as a collection of pieces written over 14 years that helped her to work through the traumatic experiences of her young life.

In a cryptic way, she alludes to an incident at the age of three that both shattered her emotional state, and subsequently caused her to "replace my dysfunctional world,. . .to redefine my state of living and forge a path to a healthy lifestyle."

The resulting pieces read like poetry in a broad sense, because they are composed in lines and stanzas, but there is also a sense of flow from beginning to end. The selections move from self-doubt and the edge of insanity to a building up of strong, positive emotions and acceptance.

She said her journey of self-discovery led her to become a meditative, private person.

"I dedicated myself spiritually but not in a radical way. I still show my priorities and dedication."

Having left home at 15, she dropped out of school and lived in various cities holding numerous non-descript jobs. She said she finished her high school diploma at Niagara College and began pursuing a psychology degree at Queen's University in Kingston.

But, she said, the "flashbacks" haunted her again.

"With the loving support of my family, I focused positive thoughts and energy back into my emotionally distraught life. Writing became a necessary creative outlet.

"I worked through the mental process on paper, because it was the only safe way to do so," she said. "Writing it wouldn't hurt me as it would verbally."

Although a private person, she said her main reason for publishing the book is to share her discoveries with others.

"I believe if you don't use what you have it will go to someone else. Others can use this wisdom," she said.

New music director, better music

By MARK DENIS
Staff Writer

Campus Radio Niagara College (CRNC) airwaves will have a new personality delivering what many listeners have been asking for — better music.

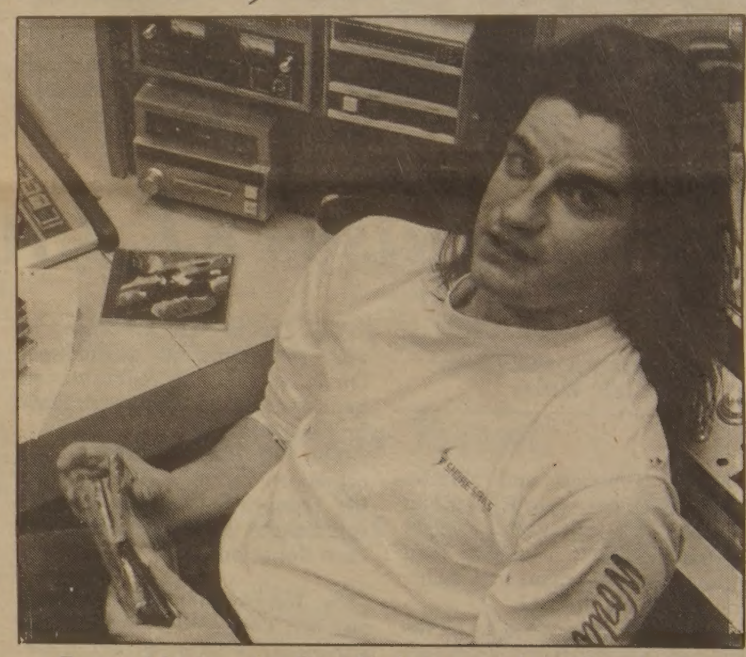
Steve Berketo, 21, a second-year Broadcast Radio Television and Film student, has been chosen as the new music director for CRNC. "I've waited for this," he said. "This is my baby."

"I weighed the letters we had and he (Steve) won on the strength of a good letter and he has performed quite well in the course," said Stu Black, co-ordinator of BRTVF.

Steve said he wants to establish a premise for what CRNC is doing with the station having the freedom to experiment. His goal is to make CRNC a part of everyone's life by establishing an overall unifying feeling at Niagara via the right music.

"Right now, what we're playing is a lot of crap but I want to tighten up the classical rock genre by getting rid of the bands that never made an impact on the charts in the 1970s."

The best of classic rock would find regular rotation such as The Rolling Stones, The Doors and David Bowie which were highly creative, highly avant-garde bands for their time, he said. "At the same time you're going to hear the same bands that are doing it today that no stations are playing," he added.



Prepared for invasion, Steve Berketo, second-year Broadcast Radio Television Film, selects music for his debut as Niagara College's music director.

Photo by Mark Denis

Playing dynamic new music while not following suite by playing music before other stations is how Steve forsees a successful CRNC. He said the best means of pleasing everyone is through his knowledge of music, the music industry and the messages going into music.

"I've got some connections already going with record companies because they really don't know we (CRNC) exist but they will keep us in mind and send us new music."

Steve has vowed that next semester listeners will be able to hear something different predicting the existing flaws will be gone. However, he is realistic about time constraints of fulfulling BRTVF course obligations.

"I've got a lot of work to do and I can't promise huge changes very soon but hopefully by September it will be rocking and ready to go 100 per cent."

Handbook out soon for new group

Niagara College's newly created Non-Traditional Students Association has begun to focus attention on compiling information for putting together an informal handbook for each of its 36 members.

Association co-chairperson Tony Vandermaas, a full-time business administration student, said such a publication could be invaluable as a reference tool for non-traditional college students, particularly in the fields of career counselling, finances, housing and any personal difficulties the student may encounter.

The guide will list most services available not only in the college, but throughout the community. It should be available within a few weeks.

Information and up-coming events on the association will be posted as soon as a special bulletin board is installed next to the counselling offices.

The association is geared towards assisting students who have not entered Niagara College directly from high school. Statistical trends indicate that such students are making up an ever-increasing percentage of the student body.

A social event will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the Tecumseh Lounge on the Welland campus. There will be a cash bar, live entertainment, and everyone is encouraged to bring some food as the event will feature a pot-luck style cold buffet. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Preventive strategies developed by team

By ABIGAIL KELLY, and CATHY WATT
Staff Writers

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities has selected a team of three postsecondary insitutions to develop a strategy to prevent date rape and to combat sexual harassment on Ontario college and university campuses.

The team is comprised of faculty and students from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Glendon College of York University and Seneca College.

The project is part of a $1.5 million initiative to improve the environment for women in post secondary institutions.

The ministry allocated $200,000 to be used in developing a training package, distributing it to all colleges and universities, as well as compiling a list of community resources. They will draw upon the expertise of rape crisis and sexual assault centres.

"At a time when 55 per cent of the total student population at our postsecondary institutions is female, it's essential that we create a healthy environment on our campuses," Colleges and Universities Minister Richard Allen said. "We must eliminate the crime of sexual assault and wipe away the causes of the existing fears of female students,

Kim Regeher, counsellor and public education co-ordinator for the Niagara Region Sexual assault Centre, said date rape occurs because of the lack of assertiveness and communication between men and women. "Men have all the power and women don't," she said. "We live in a hierarchial society - men are at the top, women at the bottom."

Brock University has a policy against sexual harassment, which broadly covers date rape, Anne Bounds, sexual harassement officer, said. "We are pro-active on the issue and we will be sending personnel to the training sessions."

Training sessions will be held in Hamilton, London, Ottawa, Sudbury and Thunder Bay later this year.

In addition, $50,000 was split from the total fund to improve the conditions for women enrolled in university-level engineering programs. The funding will be used to develop and conduct workshops designed to change the attitudes towards women of faculty, students and administrative staff at engineering schools. Dr. Allen said the goal of the workshops is to attract women to the field of engineering.

Workshops will begin this year at various Ontario universities with engineering faculties.

A revamped portable brought from the college's Niagara Falls' campus to the Welland campus last week will be used to cope with the student overflow at the Welland campus. The portable, located behind the MacKenzie building, will be ready for use at the end of January.
Photo by Diana Harris

Staff lunchroom converted

Portable not ready until end of month

To accommodate the overflow of returning students, the staff dining lounge in the Black Walnut building at Niagara College's Welland campus is being used as a temporary classroom until a portable is ready.

"This January we had the highest returning number of students in the history of the college," said David Schleich, Niagara College's vice-president of academics. "We got the portable here as fast as we could."

The portable, located behind the Mackenzie building, should be ready by the end of January, said Patrick Jamieson, plant and property manager.

The portable, which came from the college's Niagara Falls campus, was sent back to the supplier for minor renovations. It arrived at the Welland campus about a week ago, said Mr. Jamieson. "It (the portable) was placed in the ground with a crane because the ground was soft that day," he said.

Linda Armbrust, scheduling officer, said many of the returning students are co-op students. "I realized at the end of November that I needed one more classroom to accommodate the increase in students. Using the staff dining room was a 'quick fix' until the new portable arrived."

ERSN raises $1,350 for wheelchair van

By SANDRA GOLDEN
Staff Writer

Kathy Johnson and Sharon Evans, both first-year Educatioal Resources and Special Needs students (ERSN), presented Jean Vandenbelt of Pelham with a cheque for $1,350 Jan.17.

The money was raised by all the first-year ERSN students through a fundraising event to help Mrs. Vandenbelt and her family purchase a wheelchair accessible van for her son Carl, 24. Carl was injured in a car accident three years ago and is wheelchair bound.

The cheque was presented in vice president of academics, David Scheich's office. He was on hand to congratulate the students for their efforts.

The fund-raising event was organized by Ms. Johnson and Ms. Evans.The first year students sold tickets. There were also some cash donations.

Ms. Johnson has been working with Mr. Vandenbelt through the befriending program as part of her volunteer work through ERSN. Ms. Johnson has known him since high school.

"My boyfriend played baseball with Carl," she said. "I think he only made it out to one game before his accident. We've been working keeping tabs on him. Whenever we see a fundraiser with Carl's name on it we're usually there."

"They did a lot of work to raise this much money."

Mrs. Vandenbelt, marketing associate at Niagara College, expressed her thanks and appreciation to the ERSN students their time and effort.

"They did a lot of work to raise this much money," she said. "They really deserve a lot of credit. They're really hard workers. In the long run these people will make great employees."
She said Ms. Johnson is not only a friend to Carl, she has also become a friend of the family. She said because of the publicity generated by the students she recieved a donation for $200 from The Committee "Netherland's Bazaar" from Unionville, Ont. The woman who sent the donation said she found out about it because her son bought a ticket for the draw.

The draw took place Dec.16. The first-prize winner was Calvin Bradman of Port Colborne who won a dinner for two at Minolta Towers in Niagara Falls. The prize included a limousine ride,champagne, and flowers.

The second-place winner was Anita Wickenden of Welland, a part-time secretary in academic studies at Niagara College. She won a Sunday brunch for two at the Parkway Inn in St. Catharines. The prize includes wine, flowers and a gift certificate.

The third place winner was Melissa Preston of Fort Erie. The prize is dinner for two at Phase One in Welland and inclues wine and flowers.

All the prizes were donated.

First-year Educational Resources and Special Needs students, Sharon Evans and Kathy Johnson, presented Jean Vandenbelt, marketing associate at Niagara College, with a cheque for $1,350 last Friday. The money was raised by all first-year ERSN students towards a wheelchair-accessible van for Mrs. Vandenbelt's son, Carl. David Schleich, centre back, vice-president of academics, congratulated the students for their efforts.
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Sports

Niagara College's men's basketball team was named male team of the week, last week by the Ontario College's Athletic Association. They have climbed to first place in their division with seven wins and two losses. If they win tonight's match against Sarnia's Lambton College they can secure top sopt for the season.

Photo by Jason Darrah

Sports schedule

HOCKEY — The Niagara Knights host the University of Buffalo Jan. 25 at the Welland Arena beginning at 8 p.m. Niagara then travels to Buffalo State Jan. 31 for a 7:30 p.m. start.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL — Niagara will play its remaining regular season games on the road. The team travels to Lambton College in Sarnia on Jan. 25 for an 11 a.m. start. On Jan. 30, Niagara visits Conestoga College in Kitchener. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL — The Knights will play Conestoga College in Kitchener Jan. 30 at 8:30 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL — Niagara's next game will be in Kingston against St. Lawrence College on Jan. 31 at 8 p.m.

Two Niagara Knights badminton players gear up for action at last Monday's badminton practice. The team was successful in last weekend's Centennial College Invitational, capturing the men's singles final and men's doubles in the consolation finals. The college will host the Ontario College's Athletic Association regionals Feb. 7 and 8.

Photo by Kari Chwieczak

Basketball team wins OCAA honors, rides over St. Lawrence

The Niagara College Knights men's basketball team sunk the St. Lawrence Vikings' ship by a score of 85-64 last Friday.

The Knights, having just been named team of the week for Jan. 6-12, scored 41 points in the first half.

Paul Weller, Scott Currie, and Rick Sinclair, the three high-scorers for the Knights, scored a total of 31 points.

Weller, named athlete of the week by the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association for the week of Jan. 6-12, scored 14 points in the first half.

Sinclair got 12 points for the Knights while Currie got five points.

Merv Wrighton's six points and Paul Grummett's four points helped the Knights keep ahead of the Vikings.

The second half saw Currie score 16 points for the Knights while Weller and Sinclair combined for 11 points.

The other Knight scorers included Mike Mercier with five points, while Brady Fitzgerald, Rick DiPietro, and Grummett each scored four points.

Todd Stevens, Knights' basketball coach, was pleased for the team and Weller.

"He appreciates the OCAA honoring a Division II school.

"More schools are looking to stop (Paul) Weller, resulting in more people on the team scoring," he said.

Mr. Stevens said Currie was the player of the game because he led the team with 21 points.

The Knights are 6-2 on the season and are tied for first place in the western division.

The last home game for the team was Jan. 22. The team will be travelling to Lambton College tonight.

Niagara to host badminton regionals

The Niagara College intercollegiate mixed badminton team will host the 1992 Ontario Colleges Athletic Association regionals Feb. 7 and 8. All games will be played in the Welland campus gymnasium.

The team, coached by Dave Carpenter, prepared for the tournament by competing in the Centennial College Invitational Jan. 19.

Niagara captured the consolation finals in men's doubles on the performances of Mark Lindsay and Sean Ellis.

Lindsay and Michelle Hall lost to Fanshawe College in the consolation semi-finals. Ellis won the men's singles final by beating out a Mohawk College player.

Coach Carpenter was pleased with the team's performance. "We were consistently there to the end," he said. "I'm not a very intense coach as far as winning is concerned. I just stress having fun."

Cross-over tourney assists in volleyball team's playoff hopes

Niagara wins two of three matches

Coach Ray Sarkis and his Niagara College men's volleyball team were looking to capture two of three games in last weekend's cross-over tournament at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough.

The future of the team's playoff hopes rested on the tournament, where Niagara was matched against St. Lawrence, Fleming, and Algonquin colleges.

Niagara remains in fourth place in Division two in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association, but the talent of the league is evident.

Niagara dominated St. Lawrence in the first match of the day, both offensively and defensively. Although Niagara was not consistent with its passing, the team easily manhandled St. Lawrence 15-12 in the first game. Niagara exploded for seven straight points in the second game for a 15-12 win.

Todd Johnston led the offence with 12 kills. Greg Heyder and Dan Tiessen had four stuffed spikes each.

Fleming fell victim to the powerful Niagara offence in the second match. Although Niagara began slow, it was evident Fleming was not a strong squad.

Niagara missed various offensive connections in the first game, and dropped the game to the Fleming Knights 15-13.

Niagara regrouped for the next two games and bounced back to win 15-9. The deciding game could have been a toss up as the teams traded leads until the score was 9-9. Niagara's timely hitting connected for six straight points to win the match 15-9.

Top offensive honors went to Fernando Colavecchia, as he was successful for 17 of 20 spikes. Johnston connected for 13 and Marc Laneuville had eight. Rob Addy led the defence with five blocked spikes.

Niagara's continuous offensive and defensive plays resulted in a tired squad for the final match of the tournament. Niagara was not deep enough in the bench to replace the starters and initiate any momentum.

Niagara faced Ottawa's well rested Algonquin College in the final match. Algonquin took the first game by a 15-1 score. Niagara picked up a steady pace in the second game, but with the score tied 6-6, starter Marc Laneuville left the game with an ankle injury. He was replaced by Brent Roszell, who is recovering from knee surgery. Algonquin easily beat out Niagara 15-6.

Niagara's next game is Jan. 30 against Conestoga College in Kitchener. The Knight's home game is Feb. 13 against Georgian College Grizzlies. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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Sports

HOCKEY

Exhibition hockey games score for community

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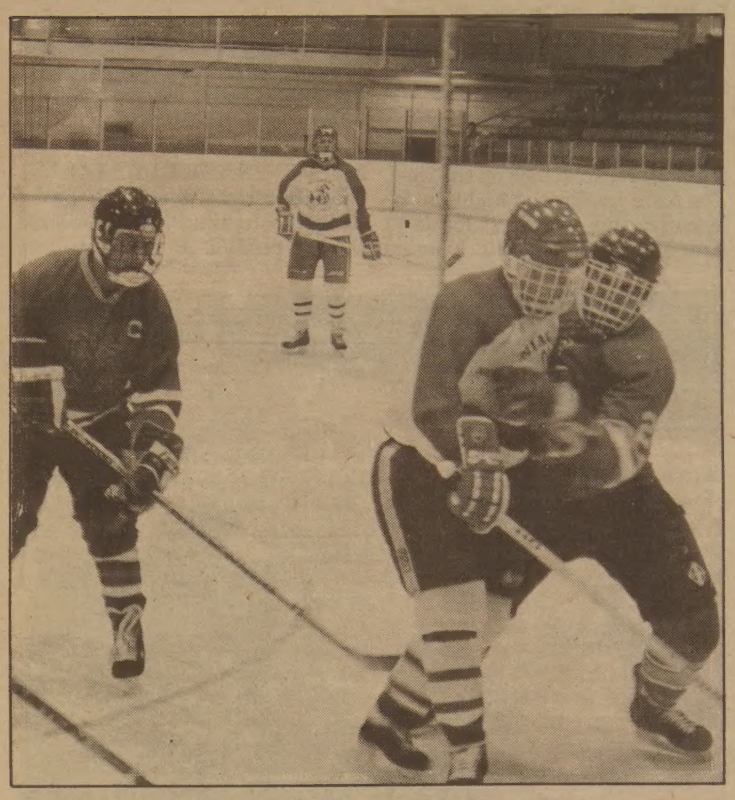

Last Saturday night the Niagara College men's hockey team faced off against the High School All-Stars in the Welland Arena. Proceeds from the game went to the Welland Community Living Association. The game ended in a 8-8 tie.
Photo by Shannon Stranges

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

The game may have ended in a tie, but the Welland Community Living Association came out the big winner.

Two exhibition hockey games were played in the Welland Arena last Saturday with proceeds going to the association.

The first game involved the Niagara College Old-Timers against the Brock University Old-Timers. Both teams included employees of the two schools 35 years of age and older.

Meeting for the third time this season, Brock once again won by a score of 3-2. Scorers for Niagara were John Killip and Larry Clark.

Coach Dave Abraham said, "although (I'm) disappointed with the loss, it was an enjoyable game."

The second game involved the Niagara College Knights hockey team playing against a High School All-Star team. The High School All-Star team included two players from each of the high schools in the area, including Confederation, Eastdale, Notre Dame, and Centennial from Welland; Lakeshore and Port Colborne High School from Port Colborne; Westlane, A.N. Meyer, and St. Paul from Niagara Falls.

The crowd, consisting mostly of high school students, saw the teams play to an 8-8 tie.

Andrew Clark of the Knights scored first, just 58 seconds into the game. Assisting on the goal were Kent Loach and Simon Wayda.

After a Tom Landry penalty for high sticking, the High School All-Stars responded with a goal.

The Knights came back with a power-play goal by Rob Lebedick. Dale Zimmerman and Trevor Atkins were credited with assists.

With 2:27 left in the first period, Jim Thorpe scored the third goal for the Knights on a pass from John Savarie and Mike Duerden.

The visitors responded with two goals ending the first period at 3-3.

Starting Knights goalie, Lee Rowlands, faced 15 shots on net as compared to his counterpart who faced 18.

During the second period, the All-Stars belted Knights goalie, Rob Wylde, with 14 shots, allowing three.

The Knights scored once in the period. Loach scored his second point of the night with an unassisted goal.

Another power-play goal for the All-Stars came when Zimmerman was off for holding.

The second period ended with the Knights behind 6-4.

In the second period, the Knights scored four times.

Thorpe scored his second goal of the game on a Duerden and Chris Karpinchick pass.

Karpinchick scored a goal from a Zimmerman pass.

By scoring his third goal of the game, Thorpe got his first hat trick of the season. Assisting on the play were linemates Jason Disher and Rick Ryan.

With the All-Stars leading the game by one, Disher scored the tieing goal on an Atkins pass with just 1:05 in the period.

Third-period goalie for the Knights, Mike Ticknovich, faced 12 shots on net, allowing only two goals.

Kevin Flynn, coach of the All-Stars and St. Paul teacher, said his goaltenders played well. He had not practiced with the different players, but was happy with the results.

Fred Bassi, coach of the Knights, said both Knights goalies, Rowlands and Ticknovich, played well. He said it was a typical game with plenty of goals and was "happy the game put money back into the community."

The Knights season record is 4-4-1. The team's next home game is tomorrow night against the University of Buffalo. The 8 p.m. game will be held at the Welland Arena.

Women's volleyball team improving

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

Each game is proving to be a different journey for the Niagara College women's volleyball team. The team, coached by Judy Halaiko, captured the consolation championships earlier in the month at the Mohawk Invitational, hosted at Redeemer College.

Redeemer won the first game of the best-of-five-wins match by the score of 15-9, and claimed the next game 15-11. Niagara fought hard and smart to win the following three games 15-11, 15-7 and 15-11.

Niagara's Sheryl Tremblay won most valuable player honors for the tournament, while Joanne Cuttriss and setter Tracy Suenaga sparked the outcome for the Knights.

Last weekend saw the squad travel to St. Lawrence College in Kingston for a tournament where Niagara faced teams from the other Ontario Colleges Athletic Association division. A best-of-three-wins is used for cross-over tournaments.

Niagara sported a 1-1 record on Friday night. In the first match, Niagara played Cornwall's St. Lawrence College and won handily by scores of 15-8 and 15-3. The last match of the night saw Niagara win the first game 16-14, but lost the remaining games 15-13 and 16-14.

Niagara was short four key players because of work experience but they joined the team for Saturday's games.

Day two did not prove as victorious as Niagara lost two of three matches. Royal Military College fell victim to the squad in three games 15-9, 15-7 and 15-7. Loyalist College was harder on the Knights as Niagara lost 15-5 in the first game, but came back for a 15-13 decision in the second. When it came down to the crunch, Niagara was edged out in the third game 16-14.

The final match of the day was against Algonquin College. Niagara sat through a four-hour span before playing the school. The layoff resulted in lost momentum, as Niagara was easily beaten in two games 15-6 and 15-7.

"We're holding our own against the good teams," said coach Halaiko. "We're playing versus teams with five or six returning players, and we're a new team."

The team remains in eighth place in its OCAA division. The fate of Niagara's playoff hopes will be determined in the remaining four regular season games, and by the successes of the other teams. The top six teams in the 15-team division will advance to the playoffs which begin Feb. 21 at Algonquin College.

"Our serving improved to 87 per cent in the cross-over tournament," coach Halaiko said. "Last semester, we were at 42 per cent.

"We do lack experience, but I couldn't be more pleased with the girls," she said.

Niagara travels to Lambton College in Sarnia tomorrow for an 11 a.m. start.

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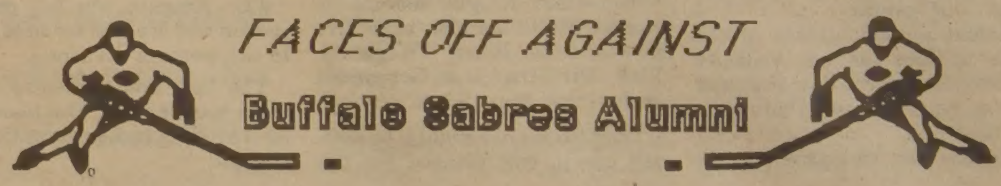

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Talented trio inspire Olympic squad

Lindros could dominate 26th Winter Games

By BARON BEDESKY
Staff Writer

Beginning Saturday, Feb. 8, the eyes of the sporting world will be concentrating on Albertville, France, site of the 26th Olympic Winter Games. The event Canadians may be watching most closely is ice hockey, the only team sport of the event.

Despite the fact hockey has long been considered Canada's game, and that the majority of players in the National Hockey Leauge are Canadian, the Canucks have not claimed Olympic gold since the 1952 games in Oslo, Norway. Since then the Soviet Union has dominated the event, winning every Olympic gold medal with the exception of the memorable American victory in 1980.

Of course many would emphasize that while most of the European nations were represented by their finest players, the Canadians have been forced to piece together a squad consisting of cast-offs and leftovers. The National Hockey League has a habit of keeping Canada's best players under contract, paying them rather handsome salaries. Even if a player would want to take a leave of absence from his NHL team, as well as his NHL paycheck, it is usually not permitted.

Things are a little different this time. Even though Canadian Olympic coach Dave King, as usual, does not have vast amounts of talent to pick and choose from, neither does the Soviet Union. Many of the best Soviet players are now plying their trade in the NHL. It makes for a more evenly matched tournament with a less predictable outcome.

One ace up coach King's sleeve is 6'4" 225-pound centre Eric Lindros, a hockey name recognized worldwide, yet a veteran of no NHL games. Lindros decided to join the Olympic team after beginning the season with the Oshawa Generals of the Ontario Hockey League. Both teams were deemed by Lindros as favorable alternatives to skating for Quebec City's Nordiques, a team and city he would rather have nothing to do with.

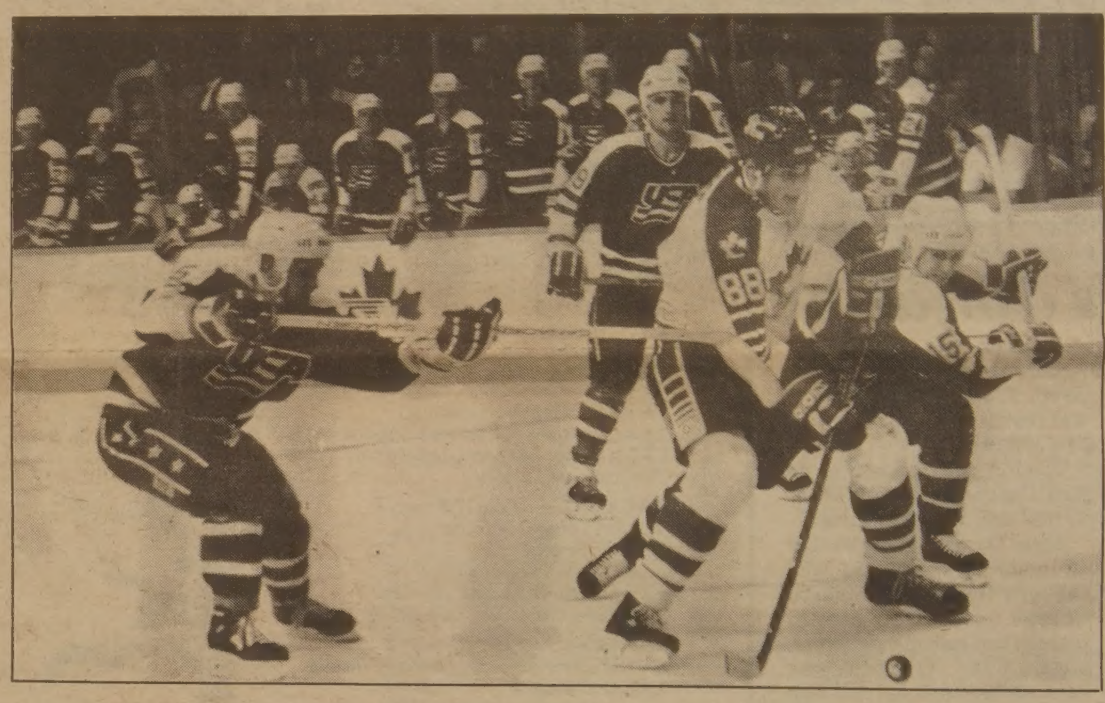
On a rainy January night in Hamilton's Copps Coliseum, the Canadians are squaring off against the U.S. Olympic hopefuls, yet another in a lengthy progression of 60 exhibition games leading to Albertville. This is the 13th meeting between the two teams (the U.S. has only won two of the matches) and many of the players are in a particulary onery mood. There are liberal amounts of stickwork. The game ends in a 5-5 tie including a heart-stopping five minute overtime.

Lindros sits out the first period, the result of a bruised hand. By the end of his first shift in the second period though, he has established himself as the dominating force of the match. He scored the most impressive goal of the night, picking up a loose puck at his own blueline and skating the length of the ice, fending off an American defender as if he were a housefly, before deking and scoring on U.S. goalie Mike Dunham with one hand.

People have observed that what sets Lindros apart from other hockey talents is a genuine mean streak. On this night, he is throwing body checks with what appears to be an intent to kill. Despite being high-sticked and cut early on, he continues his physical style of play throughout the game. He is not stranger to the penalty box, as his 189 penalty minutes in only 57 games for Oshawa last season indicates.

Most of Lindros' teammates are not household names. Only the most ardent hockey fans would recognize a Chris Lindberg, Joe Juneau or Brad Schlegel. All three are relatively young and still hoping to forge a NHL career for themselves.

Kent Manderville is in the same class but his name recently cropped up in the 10 player mega-trade between Calgary and Toronto. Manderville represents the talent a woebegone Leafs team has been starving for since the days of Sittler and Salming. The 20-year-old Albertan plays with an exuberance and aggressiveness leading hockey scouts to compare him to Boston's Cam Neely. A job in Toronto is being prepared for him upon conclusion of the Olympics. He's taking nothing for granted though.



Canada's 18-year-old boy wonder, Eric Lindros, No. 88, will be heavily counted on by his teammates if Canada is to have a chance at the Olympic gold. The U.S. squad has had its hands full with the talented centre, as shown here during an exhibition contest in Hamilton, Jan. 11.
Photo by Jason Darrah

"I think it's a good situation for me but right now it's just basically focussed on the Olympic games," says Manderville. "It's nice to look ahead but I still need to make this team as well. There's a lot of things in the short term that I've got to look forward to and take care of."

On the other hand, Canadian rearguard Curt Giles is the stereotypical grizzled veteran, with nearly 900 NHL games under his suspenders, most wearing Minnesota North Star green. He's never been known for his scoring prowess but you may remember 1981, the year the North Stars competed in the Stanley Cup final. Giles was chosen as the most valuable player of that team. Now his career is nearly over, the Olympic team perhaps his final hockey stop.

"Hopefully what I bring to this team is stability," says Giles. "I think the biggest thing I've enjoyed the most is the enthusiasm and the excitement the kids have for playing the game. They're in the start of their careers and I'm on the tail-end of my career and that excites me. I'd love to see every one of these kids make the NHL. That's what's doing it for me."

Giles has especially fond praise for his teammate Lindros. "I've only been impressed with Eric. He's not only a good hockey player but he's so dog-gone big and strong."

Giles takes exception to people and members of the media who have been critical of Lindros' character. "The best thing about Eric Lindros is not that's he's a great hockey player or that he's a big man. Probably his biggest attribution is that he's a good guy. Eric's a good kid, a smart kid, a nice kid. He's a team player and I've only got good things to say about him."

Hockey enthusiasts will have an opportunity to watch at least one televised match each and every day of the winter games. Canada's 1992 entry appears to be a step above the usual ragtag collection of greenhorns and has-beens. It will be fun seeing how far they can go.

Sabres take back seat to Bowl-bound Bills

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

Buffalo is buzzing with Super Bowl hype. The city and its residents find themselves in the same spinetingling situation as a year ago.

Buffalo Bills' paraphernalia is found from Orchard Park to Niagara Falls to Toronto. City merchants are making a small fortune on Bills' sweatshirts, mugs, posters, and earrings.

Chants of "The Bills Make Me Want To Shout" and "Buffalo Bills Polka" are heard on various city radio stations, including WKSE 98.5, WKFX 103.3 and 97 ROCK. Bills' superstars, including Ray Bentley, are making disc jockey appearances on these stations for phone-in shows.

Canadians and Americans, with phone in hand, are glued to their stereos anxiously awaiting a chance to be the sixth-place caller to scrounge up Bills' merchandise, and daringly beg for Super Bowl tickets.

It may be cold in Minnesota, but there isn't a Buffalonian in the city who wouldn't give his or her winter coat to go see the National Football League championship.

Bills, Bills, Bills! Ever make you wonder what happened to the city's hockey team? What were they called? Oh yes, the Sabres. Has everyone forgotten about the Sabres?

Heading into last weekend's National Hockey League All-Star break, the blue and orange were securely positioned in third place in the tough Adams Division with 40 points, nine points behind rival Boston Bruins.

Bills, Bills, Bills! Ever wonder what happened to the city's hockey team?

The Sabres are repeatedly on the back burner when compared to the Bills. Admittedly, the Sabres aren't a Stanley Cup threat this season, but general manager Gerry Meehan is making key trades to head the team in the right direction. Smart teams, such as the Sabres, are trading wisely and selecting strong, young junior stars at the drafts for success down the road.

Buffalo's most memorable trade was sealed last November. Talented fan favorite Pierre Turgeon was dealt across New York state to the New York Islanders for centre Pat LaFontaine. Since the trade, LaFontaine has carried the Sabres from near last to the middle of the pack in their division, despite LaFontaine's misfortune of a broken jaw.

Meanwhile, centre Dale Hawerchuk has been holding his own, racking up 51 points thus far. All-Star winger Alex Mogilny has been sensational with linemates LaFontaine and Dave Andreychuk. In a game played last week in New Jersey, Andreychuk scored his 300th career goal.

Buffalo's toughness rides on the shoulders of rugged Rob Ray and rookie sensation Brad May. Another standout for the team is right winger Donald Audette, who has 20 goals this season.

Last June, the NHL entry draft was held in Buffalo, and the hometown team took full advantage of who was available, including the Ontario Hockey League's Jason Dowe, Chris Snell, Peter Ambroziak, and Tony Iob.

All of these factors have given Buffalo a 5-3-2 record in their last 10 games. It is nothing to brag about, but the team is steadily improving.

With all this in mind, why aren't the Sabres receiving more rave reviews? They are a hard-working team, like the Bills, with talent oozing in every direction.

Admittedly, many Sabres games draw capacity crowds, including a large majority of Canadians making the trip across the border, but the Sabres must settle for second best in a city that feels football is the number one sport.

It certainly isn't Canada, is it?

Sports

Super Bowl XXVI

Who'll win the pigskin battle ?

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

Super Bowlmania. The Bills. The Skins. Jim 'Machinegun' Kelly versus Mark Rypien. 'The Biscuit' versus 'The Hogs'.

This weekend, one of the biggest sports events of the year, is going to take place in Minneapolis. Super Bowl XXVI will see the Buffalo Bills against the Washington Redskins in what Buffalo hopes, will be its year.

Last year's Super Bowl saw the Bills lose by one point to the New York Giants when kicker Scott Norwood missed a field goal in what could have been a Bills' victory. This time, the Bills are six-point underdogs.

Niagara News interviewed a number of students about this weekend's big party.

One Buffalo Bills fan, Chris Karpinchick, 20, a second-year computer programming student, wants the Bills to win because he likes the team's cheerleaders.

Mark Goupil, 20, a first-year general coallege student, although not a Bills fan, believes the Bills will win because the team is playing on artificial turf.

Charlene Wheeldon, 19, a first-year journalism-print student, doesn't really follow football, but believes the Bills will win because there are so many people cheering for them.

Steve Hudson, 19, a first-year journalism-print student, also wants the Bills to win. Steve, a big fan of the Bills, said the team will win by a touchdown.

Twenty-one-year-old Chris Winger, a first-year electronics student, said the Bills are the "ultimate NFL team." He said the Bills are more experienced while the Redskins will be more nervous. Chris is expecting a close game on Sunday.

Students betting on a Redskins win usually were not big fans of the Bills.

Dan Maheu, 25, a first year electronic student and Dallas Cowboy fan, is cheering for the 'Skins because they are superior to the Bills. He believes the NFC is far better than the AFC.

Robyn Gelka, 20, a second-year broadcasting student, likes the Redskins because they "have better uniforms."

Reg Prudhomme, 21, a first-year general college student, believes the Redskins will be too much for the Bills to handle. He wants the Bills to win but doesn't think they have much of a chance.

Mike Damiano, 20, a second-year law and security student, is another Dallas Cowboy fan. He believes the 'Skins are a better team and predicts the score will be 28-14 in favor of the Redskins.

In the second-year journalism-print class, 10 people are picking the Bills to win while three people are picking the Redskins.

I like the Washington Redskins.

Athlete of the week

Rick Ryan, 21, a second-year general college student, has been chosen this week's athlete of the week.

Ryan, winger for the Niagara Knights hockey team, has seven points in the last four games for the team.

The Niagara Falls native has a total of 29 points on the season, 17 of which are goals.

Ryan credits his linemates - Jason Disher and Jim Thorpe - for his performance.

"They're excellent players," says Ryan.

The next chance to view Ryan in peak performance will be Saturday, Jan. 25 against the University of Buffalo.

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The Fashion Arts department has received visual graphics equipment valued at, if newly purchased, $20,000 by Padula and Associates Advertising of Toronto.

"It was a wonderful donation," said Eileen Muir, advertising teacher in the Fashion Arts program. "Especially when you consider that there's all those colleges in Toronto that I'm sure would've liked it, and they gave it to us."

The equipment, a pos1320, allows one to enlarge, reduce, screen or halftone any prints, artwork, photographs, lettering for reproduction, or print reproduction. This camera is a slightly smaller model to one used previously but it will do more functions.

There are set-backs, however. A leak where the chemicals are held needs repair. "Until we get the leak fixed. . . we can't find out if the rest is all right or not," Mrs. Muir said.

The old machine will go to Ken Cosgrove's program of Visual and Creative Arts.

Joan Davies, co-ordinator of fashion arts, said she thought the reason Niagara College received the camera rather than colleges or universities near Toronto was because the husband and wife team owning Padula Advertising were impressed with the first-year fashion students when they toured last spring.

"We had an excellent tour and they were quite impressed with our students," she said, adding, "When they decided to replace this piece of equipment they thought about us."

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Spotlight on Automobile Insurance

NDP policy flip-flop referred to by critics as 'betrayal'

Provincial government decision stirs controversy

By MARILYN WALKINGTON
Staff Writer

Insurance — everybody needs it, few people can afford it or even understand it.

The new automobile insurance proposals, issued by the Ontario New Democratic Party Dec. 5 1991, attempt to resolve concerns over current policy effectiveness. However, the proposals fall short of the NDP's election platform promises on government-owned insurance.

According to a Sept. 6 press release from the premier's office, Bob Rae said public auto insurance was the right policy at the wrong time during the worst recession since the 1930s.

The new government proposals, outlined in *The Road Ahead*, abandon support for government-owned insurance because of the $1.4-billion start-up cost and the possible employment dislocation of 13,500 people. The government estimates 56,000 people would be permanently unemployed through the transition phase from private to government-owned insurance institutions.

Brian Charlton, Ontario minister of financial institutions, responsible for the Automobile Insurance Review, is a supporter of public insurance but said the issue may resurface depending on public demand.

He said insurance has gone three or four cycles since the 1980s including 30 per cent increases in premiums in one year. Government-owned insurance would encourage price cuts and possibly improved benefits. It has worked in the provinces of Quebec and British Columbia.

The main catalyst triggering debate is Mr. Rae's public announcement discouraging public-owned auto insurance. Many smaller details of the proposed legislation have fuelled differences of opinion.

Peter Kormos, MPP for Welland-Thorold, is a prominent opponent of the new legislation. "It is a betrayal of what (the NDP) stood for and promised. It is a sad, sad thing trying to force something that strips away the few rights that remain from the Liberals."

The current Ontario Motorist Protection Plan, a threshold no-fault plan, became law under the previous Liberal government on June 22, 1990.

'It is a betrayal of what (the NDP) stood for and promised'

Peter Kormos

"This will deliver benefits equal to or better than the (old) system in the vast majority of cases," Mr. Charlton said, responding to Mr. Kormos' comments. The government had to "weigh the balance." The new system provides "better benefits to more people than the one Mr. Kormos supports."

The main issues of debate include:

Employment benefits will increase to 90 per cent of current net income, (previous income if unemployed) to an indexed maximum of $1,000 from the current 80 per cent of gross income to a maximum of $600, not indexed.

According to *The Road Ahead*, the new income replacement benefit provides income recovery for 90 per cent of full-time wage earners.

Mr. Kormos said this issue involves "lies by omission" since total net income, after weekly taxes are removed, is less than the gross income. The final amount determined, with only 10 per cent increase, will be less than the current system, he said.

For all injured persons not totally at fault, there will be greater opportunity to sue for compensation for pain and suffering but this will be subject to an indexed $15,000 deductible.

In *The Road Ahead*, the use of a deductible, rather than the current written threshold, is a more equitable, simpler and more understandable way of ensuring the most deserving cases have access to the courts.

"Everybody can sue for pain and suffering except most cases are between $15,000 and $25,000, "Mr. Kormos said. "(With) $15,000 taken off the top you can win in court but still lose" by ending up with nothing.

Disability benefits will increase and be indexed for the employed, students, seniors and caregivers.

A government official clarified that after three years, under the previous system, those receiving disability income would "be cut off" if they were not considered "totally disabled" or if they had found other income. The new system allows for the partial disability on a predetermined scale or $185 for the rest of one's lifetime.

"This legislation takes away (from) the victim the right to seek anticipated earnings," Mr. Kormos said. Depending on what a student is studying to become, there is potential to earn a professional income, but "for the rest of his life (the disabled person) is treated as an average industrial worker."

Since the reduction of accidents is an obvious deterrent to increased premiums and decreased benefits, *The Road Ahead* also includes Ontario's strategy for Road Safety. The strategy incorporates as separate issues, all areas currently being dealt with.

Blake Forrest, of the Ontario Road Safety Task Force, said the new process is "a coalition of government, community groups and private sectors to look at solutions to issues with a broader perspective."

"There has been no continuity of issues," so the organization will form a "natural relationship" between parties interested in common objectives through road safety. It will create a focus and leadership for safety organization, Mr. Forrest said. "The strategy is a recognition that safety is everyone's business."

THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS HAS RISEN BY OVER 25 PER CENT IN 10 YEARS. 85 PER CENT OF VEHICLE CRASHES ARE CAUSED BY HUMAN ERROR. THERE ARE 6 MILLION DRIVERS IN ONTARIO - 30 PER CENT MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO.

On average a driver makes:
- **200 observations per mile**
- **20 decisions per mile**
- **1 error every two miles**

Result:
- **one near-collision every 500 miles**
- **one collision every 61,000 miles**
- **a personal injury to an individual every 430,000 miles**
- **a fatal accident every 16 million miles**

HIGH COST OF COLLISIONS

1989 Ontario
- **1,286 people killed in traffic accidents**
- **over 120,000 injured**
- **close to 250,000 reported collisions involving 464,000 vehicles**
- **traffic injuries accounted for 182,762 hospital-bed days**
- **therefore, 500 beds are occupied by collision victims at anytime**

It costs $4 billion for the province to pay for;
- **health care costs**
- **property damage**
- **lost income**

Accidents
- **someone is involved in one every two minutes**
- **someone is injured every four and a half minutes**
- **someone is killed every 7 hours**

Nationally - the number injured or killed in motor accidents has risen 10 per cent in the past 10 years

Ontario - the number has increased by 18 per cent

Quebec - this number has decreased by over 10 per cent

Source: 1991, The Road Ahead

Accident Benefits: New vs Old

	CURRENT SYSTEM	NEW SYSTEM
Indexation:	No indexing of ceilings or benefits	All benefits are indexed to Consumer Price Index
Students:	$185 weekly after age 16	Payment for school year missed $2,000 for elementary $4,000 for secondary $4,000 for post-secondary semesters (maximum of 2)
For employed and those unemployed for less than 6 months	80 per cent of gross income to a maximum of $600 weekly	90 per cent of net income to a maximum of $1,000
For those unemployed who have worked during the previous 3 years and primary caregivers who have temporarily left the workforce	$185 weekly	$185 weekly Disability Benefit for 6 months, then 90 per cent of net income (based on employment history) or Dependant Care Benefit if greater.

Students take care

Meningitis threat merits precautions

By TARA GRIGG
Staff Writer

Although no cases of meningitis have been reported at Niagara College, students are warned to be careful and get regular medical checkups.

"We have no cases of meningitis in the Niagara Region, but the public health department is investigating one case of septicemia which is caused by a related bug," said Carolyn Hurst, Niagara College's campus nurse.

The recent meningitis outbreak in the Ottawa area and west Quebec has sent large numbers of people seeking vaccination, while many doctors have been kept busy explaining what meningitis is, how you catch it, and what the symptons are.

It is estimated more than 300,000 students in the Ottawa and west Quebec areas will begin vaccinations, making this the largest vaccination campaign since the 1950s.

Two years ago, an area north of Peterborough, Ont. experienced a similar meningitis outbreak. The government was sent in to undertake a similar vaccination program.

Meningococcal meningitis is an acute bacterial disease, characterized by a sudden onset with fever, intense headaches, nausea and often vomiting, stiff neck and frequently a reddish-purple rash, resembling tiny bruises. Delirium and coma often appear. It causes inflamation of the lining of the brain. Meningitis is spread through nasal and throat secretions. It can be transmitted through face-to-face contact, including kissing, coughing and sneezing. Case fatality rates exceed 50 per cent previously, but with early diagnosis, the case fatality rate should be less than 10 per cent.

There are two types of meningitis — viral and bacterial. Viral meningitis is rarely fatal. Bacterial meningitis is the one reported in the majority of cases.

If you believe you have been exposed to the meningitis virus, it is essential you consult a physician and receive Rifampin, a strong anitbiotic, within 72 hours.

Niagara College instructor and regional councillor Mike Collins (centre), kept busy Jan. 6 at the region's first-ever open house. Most regional politicians, along with dozens of other employees, greeted and assisted hundreds of visitors to the event, intended to open minds about regional operations. Flanking Mr. Collins are Ed Wilson, a Niagara College consultant, and Muriel Wilson, a regional health worker.
Photo by Doug Morton

Open house opens doors, minds

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

Regional Municipality of Niagara's first open house, an outreaching idea of new Regional chairman Brian Merrett, was as much intended to open minds as doors.

Held at the St. David's Road regional headquarters Jan. 12, Mr. Merrett was host to the information-oriented, two-hour event with the assistance of most regional councillors and other officials, plus the volunteer help of many regional employees.

Mike Collins, Niagara College English instructor and St. Catharines regional councillor, said the day was "a good first step" towards the region's current plan to "make the public part of the decision making process."

People rubbed shoulders, literally as well, in the crowded main corridors, lined on one wall with about 15 information tables complete with helpful regional employees from their respective departments. Several working displays, including a traffic signal control system and works department trucks, gave the big crowd more than just something to read.

'...very useful and interesting.' Mike Collins

There was plenty of talk, as dozens of groups huddled in smiling conversation – an unfamiliar form of rapport for the many councillors who were busy answering questions from people not familiar with the regional system.

"There was a wide cross-section of the region's population on hand. I found the day very useful and interesting," Mr. Collins said.

"Many were employees and their families (but) it was good to see so many who were curious citizens interested in meeting the members of council."

Ed Wilson, a Niagara College consultant for human resource development, said the open house could do nothing but good.

It should improve public relations for the region...it's a valuable exercise when the public can see how the facilities work."

Muriel Wilson, a regional health services worker, said Mr. Merrett's plan was a "good, original idea...it gives people an idea of the scope of services available to the public."

Mr. Collins said the regional council has discussed the possibility of both holding an open house as an annual event and extending the public awareness campaign beyond the doors of the headquarters.

"We don't know whether or not we need displays set up at region every year," he said, but added the need exists to keep up the public liaison promise.

"There's been a lot of talk of setting up displays at area shopping malls. That's one idea," he said but stressed future open houses or displays in other public places may involve a cost not yet discussed.

"I'd like to see it (the open house) every year...there will be talks about it at council," he assured

Board elects new executive

Greets new committee members

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

Niagara College's board of governors elected the new executive for four support committees at its January meeting in Hennepin Hall.

Based on recommendations from a November-appointed nominating committee, board chairman Bernard Baril called the election as the meeting began, at the same time welcoming Anne Audet-Giroux to the seat of board vice-chairman. Mr. Baril became chairman on Jan. 1, automatically moving from vice-chairman to chairman, as Mrs. Audet-Giroux will do next January.

The nominating committee's recommendations were carried unanimously.

The board relies on four key standing committees representing specific college areas of responsibility to set and review college policy and standards, and advise the board for final decisions, said Mary Hornak, executive secretary to the board.

The committee executives are also regular members of the board of governors, said Mrs. Hornak, of Welland, who records the minutes at board meetings.

Laurie Hunneault, of Pelham, was elected chairman of the academic affairs committee, while David Abraham of Welland was elected vice-chairman. Consisting of 17 members, the committee sets academic policy and curriculum standards, approves all new college projects and initiates changes to existing projects.

Ōtto Ūrbanòvics, of St. Catharines, was elected chairman of the 17-member administrative affairs committee, while Roy Brunner, of Welland, was elected vice-chairman. The committee is mainly concerned with college finances. It sets policy for college expenditure, oversees human resources and purchasing and makes budget recommendations to the board.

Mrs. Audet-Giroux chairs the executive committee, which oversees the reports and recommendations of the myriad committees, councils and individual executives (and their separate committees). The executive committee acts as home base for all executive reports.

Besides the three standing committees, the six-year-old audit review committee, with four members, will be chaired by Frank Weisbeck. This final committee reviews all college financial statements with the auditor, then acts as financial adviser to the board.

All committee members also serve on the board of governors. In September 1993, Mrs. Hornak said, elections will be held each fall to coincide with the academic year's start.

Centre well-used

"Absolutely a success," said Lou Dimattio, assistant director of student services, referring to the number of students and staff using the health centre at the college.

She reports between mid November and mid December 73 students and 33 staff members used the facility.

The centre is used for a variety of reasons, such as diet information, birth control, vaccinations, health information, doctor referrals, and requests for medication.

Between 1988 and 1990, the college did not have a school nurse.

"The centre was closed and there was no nurse, it was a disaster," she said.

Although the closure was because of budget restrictions, the college gave first-aid training to staff. Anything beyond first-aid, the students were sent to the local hospital.

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